

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

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**--Abstract of the Disclosure**

A method of filtering a speech signal is presented. The method involves providing a filter (404) suited for reduction of distortion caused by speech coding, estimating acoustic noise in the speech signal, adapting the filter in response to the estimated acoustic noise to obtain an adapted filter, and applying the adapted filter to the speech signal so as to reduce acoustic noise and distortion caused by speech coding in the speech signal.

Figure 4 for publication.--